

Marion Marine Resources Commission
Meeting Minutes
11/21/21 Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Vin Malkoski (Chair), Toby Burr (Vice Chair), Peter Bosari, Scott Cowell, Joe Guard, Greg Houdelette, Michael Moore, Eiv Strand

Guests: Issac Perry (Harbormaster), Adam Murphy (Shellfish Officer), Andrew Bonney, Greg Nourjian, Mike Colageo (Wanderer), Codie Patnaude (ORCTV)

The meeting was called to order at 1902

The minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Greg Houdelette and a second by Eiv Strand, they were unanimously approved. There were no minutes to the October 18, 2021 meeting as that was a joint meeting with the Select Board and the discussion is covered in their minutes.

Issac Perry Reporting:

- Town Meeting approval of \$35,000 for our match for the \$303,000 grant for our new Maritime Center.
- The open house on November 6, 2021 was very successful with good attendance and good questions from the citizens. The outline of the new building was marked on the ground and well received by all.
- We did not apply on November 1, 2021 for a \$1,000,000 grant for construction. It was too close to having just received the \$303,000 grant. They want to see results of the first grant before giving more money. Our next application will be May 1, 2022 for \$1,000,000. A second application will be on November 1, 2022 for \$1,000,000. Spring of 2023 is when the ground may be broken. We will present an article at the 2022 Spring Town Meeting of 2022 for \$700,000 as the remaining match for the whole project.
- The project doesn't include refurbishing the existing structure. That will be a town project headed by the Facilities Director. The Town and not the Marine Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the new bathrooms or pavilion.
- In the past, the town has allowed marine-related businesses to acquire existing commercial moorings on a case-by-case basis. Going forward, it will be important to formalize the process as there are nineteen grandfathered personal commercial moorings that will eventually become available. A draft of the revised regulations defining the transfer of those permits to commercial entities was presented for review. Greg Houdelette moved to accept a rewrite this section in the Harbor Regs. Peter Borsari seconded it and it passed unanimously. The Harbormaster will present this revision to the Select Board for review and approval.
- The Harbormaster needs to wrap up for the winter by pulling the last few channel markers and storing boats and floats outside in the parking lots on trailers.

Adam Murphy Reporting:

- Adam thanked the committee members for their work on the new aquaculture regs.
- Per the Select Board, the applications previously submitted for the Doonan site are no longer valid. People interested in this site can find an application on the Town website.
- Wareham had a sewerage discharge from their outfall pipe on the Weweantic that closed the Weweantic for shellfishing out to Great Hill.
- There are no harvestable numbers of bay scallops in Marion waters this year.

New and Old Business:

- Eileen Marum wrote a letter to the MRC asking about making the new building a net-zero building. The architect said it was very difficult to get to net-zero in a building this size, but it is probable that this new building will use less electricity than the current building. New building codes and new materials allow that to happen. Vin Malkoski, Jay McGrail and Isaac Perry have all been in touch with Eileen Marum.
- December meeting date will be determined.

With a motion by Greg Houdelette and a second by Eiv Strand, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,
Toby Burr, Vice Chair

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